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Federal Do-Not-Call List Registration Starts Tomorrow

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Consumers are encouraged to sign up to ban nuisance phone calls

LANSING — Consumers will have greater protection against unwanted and unsolicited phone calls by registering for the national "do-not-call" list that begins taking names on Friday, June 25, Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant, said today.

"Consumers have a right to enjoy the precious time they have with their families without the constant interruption of solicitation phone calls," Goschka said. "The federal list will enable Michigan residents to fight back and take action to stop the calls," Goschka said.

Consumers may link to the registration site by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/, starting tomorrow morning. Registration from consumer home telephones begins on July 7. Enrollment is free.

Consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do- Not-Call list in 2002. Goschka added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list when one was created.

Sen. Goschka also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams targeting the federal "do-not-call" registry.

"Registration for the federal "do-not-call" list is available only through the Federal Trade Commission and is free," Goschka said. "Consumers should be on the lookout for any private companies attempting to collect personal information."

For more information on how to register for the "do-not-call" list or how to avoid a "do-not-call" scam, please contact Sen. Goschka's office at (517) 373-1760.